



MORTAL KOMBATTM

RAYDENTM

AND

KANOTM



DIRECT EDITION



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TWO COMBATANTS WITH EQUAL STRENGTH,
EQUAL POWER, EQUAL DETERMINATION, PRE-
PARE THEMSELVES FOR FULL-SCALE WAR.

ONE REPRESENTS THE BEST OF OUR
WORLD, THE OTHER THE WORST.

NIGHT AND DAY.

YIN AND YANG.

GOOD AND EVIL.

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WHEN PART THE HEAVENS...

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IMMOVABLE OBJECT

COME ON,
THUNDERER.
LET'S SEE
WHAT YOU'VE
GOT.

RYDEN
GAVE YOU
HIS TRUST,
MORTAL...

IRRESISTIBLE FORCE

AND YOU
REPAID HIM
WITH
TREACHERY.

HEY,
THAT'S WHAT
I DO BEST.

KANO'S
A GOD
NOW.

JUST
LIKE
YOU!

AND
DON'T
CALL ME
"MORTAL"

UUUUUUUUUU

WHOOOOOM!

YOU'RE
USED TO
RUNNING THE
SHOW, STORM
WARRIOR.

NOT MIXING
IT UP WITH
SOMEBODY
YOUR OWN
SIZE.

WOOOH

DO NOT.

THOO

UNDER-
STAND
HOW.

THOOOM

HOW
SO MUCH
POWER.

WAAAAHHH

DOOOOM

I MADE
A DEAL,
RAYDEN.

A DEAL
WITH THE
DEVIL.

NEARBY, INSIDE
THE FORTRESS
OF SHAO KAHN.

EVENTS PROCEED
ACCORDING TO MY
PLANS. EVEN BETTER,
IT WOULD SEEM.

IT WAS WORTH
THE STRAIN OF
TRANSFERRING SO
MUCH OF MY POWER
TO THE MORTAL.

YOU
MUST REST,
FATHER. YOU
ARE
WEARY.

NO,
MULEENA. I
MUST BE
READY TO
ACT.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

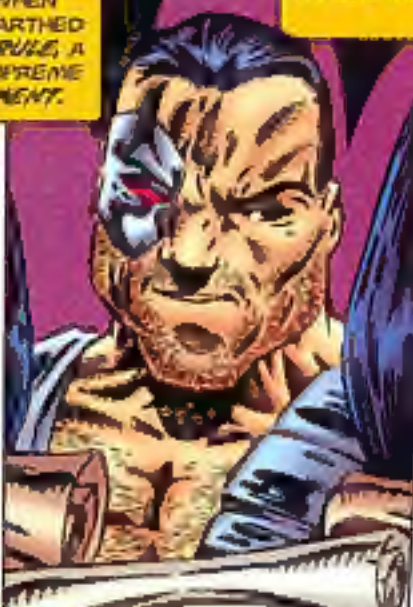
THIS
STARTED AS
AN EXERCISE IN
HUMILIATION
FOR RAYDEN.

BUT KAHN
MAY ACTUALLY
AID IN BRINGING
ABOUT THE
DEATH OF THE
THUNDER
GOD.



IT BEGAN WHEN
RAYDEN UNEARTHED
THE *EDISONRUE*, A
BLADE OF SUPREME
ENCANTMENT.

RAYDEN'S SERVANTS-- *MYND*
AND *RYNNE* - EXPLAINED THAT
ITS POWER STEMMED FROM
AN EVIL MAN TURNING HIS BACK
ON EVIL.



THEY TOLD THE TALE OF
THE *BLACK DRAGON*,
AN ANCIENT RULER OF
OUTWORLD.



HOW HE WAS DEFEATED BY
A TREACHEROUS MORTAL
NAMED *GAIN*, ASSISTED BY
THE STORM WARRIOR.



RAYDEN BELIEVED THE
TIME FOR *WORMHOLE*
WAS AGAIN NIGH.



AND PUT HIS FAITH IN
ONE WHOM IT
WOULD NOT SEEM
WISE TO TRUST.



YET THE CHOICE SEEMED
SO EASY, FOR KANO CAME
INTO HIS POWER UPON HIS
RETURN TO *OUTWORLD*.

NO, YOU
MUSST NOT
DO THESE.

HE DEFEATED REPTILE,
THE EBBORULE BURNING
WITH THE FIRE OF
REDEMPTION,
THE WHITE-HOT BLAZE OF
HOPE.

WITH THE THUNDER
GOD RISKING IT ALL
TO WIN HIS PASSAGE.

KANO FEARLESSLY
STORMED THE HOME OF
THE DARK EMPEROR.

IN THE END, THE DARKNESS OF
KANO'S TORTURED SOUL SWIFTLY
THE BLADE'S BRIGHT FIRE.

AT LONG
LAST, THE
EBBORULE
IS *YINE*.

AND THE
SWORD WAS
THRUST AT
SHAO KAHN
HARMLESSLY
MILT FIRST.

KANO IS
NOBODY'S
TOOL. NOT
EVEN A
GOOD'S.

THE DARK EMPEROR
REWARDING KANO'S
TREACHERY WITH NEAR
LIMITLESS POWER.

YO, RAYDEN.
HERE'S A
LITTLE
THUNDER FOR
YOU!

FOR A FEW HOURS
AT LEAST, THE BLACK
DRAGON WARRIOR IS
RAYDEN'S EQUAL.
PERHAPS HIS BETTER.

...BUT WHILE
I GOT IT, I PLAN
ON MAKIN' THE
MOST OUT OF
IT.

I KNOW
THIS POWER
AIN'T GONNA
LAST MUCH
LONGER.

KRAAK

UAAAAAAAAH



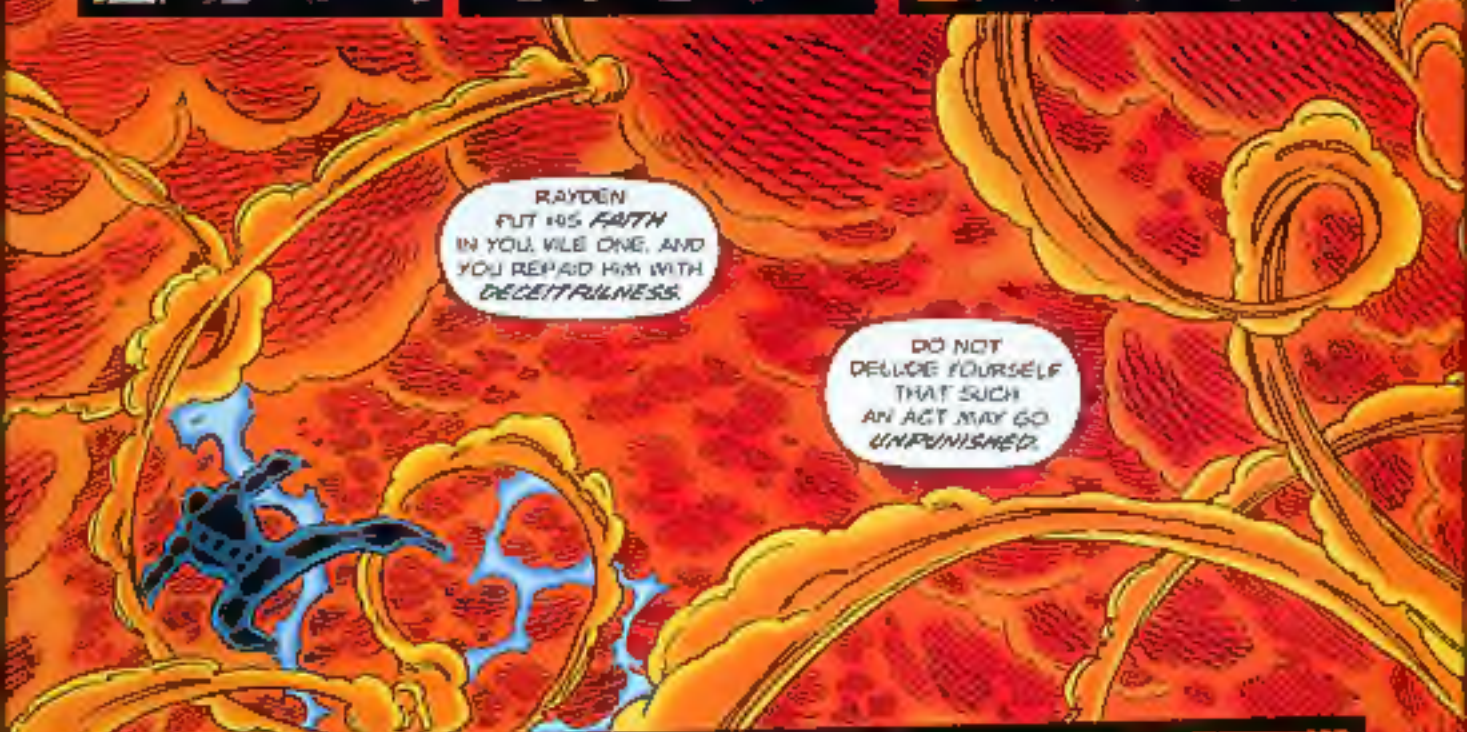
COME
BACK, YOU
MISERABLE
COWARD.



YOU
CAN'T HIDE
FROM ME.

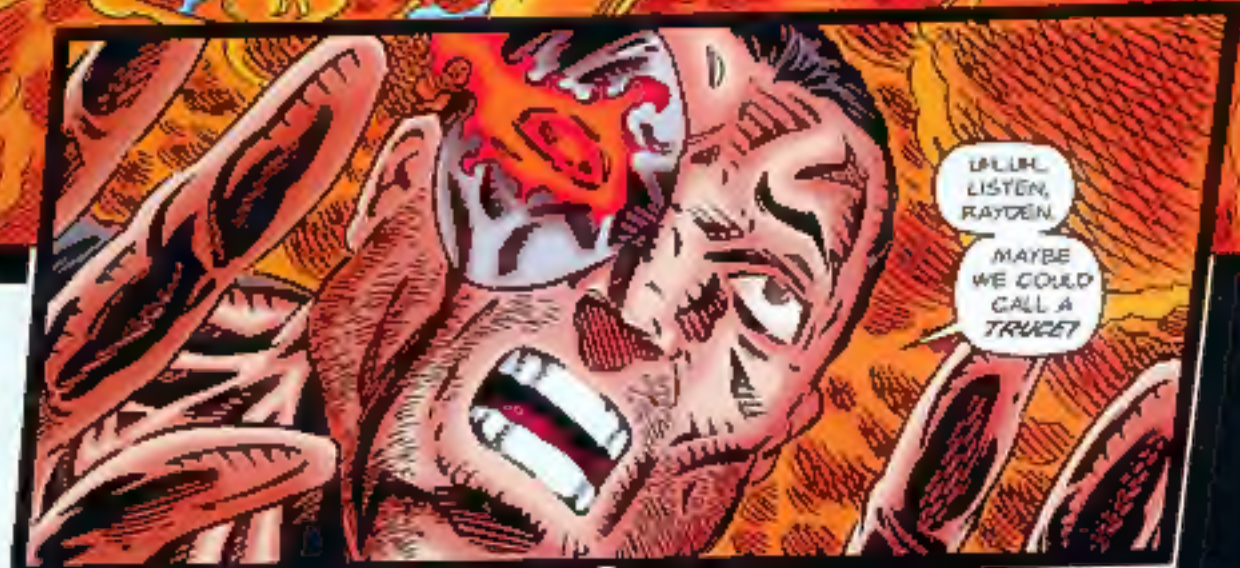


IN THE
CLOUDS?



RAYDEN
PUT HIS FAITH
IN YOU, VILE ONE, AND
YOU REPAYED HIM WITH
DECEITFULNESS.

DO NOT
DELUDE YOURSELF
THAT SUCH
AN ACT MAY GO
UNPUNISHED.



UHHH,
LISTEN,
RAYDEN.
MAYBE
WE COULD
CALL A
TRUCE?

BEING IMMORTAL,
MOST GODS HAVE
OUTGROWN SUCH
NOTIONS AS SERVICE
AND COMPASSION.

THEY ARE
DEITIES, AND THE
FRAILTIES AND
INADEQUACIES
OF HUMAN LIFE
MATTER NOT TO
THEM.

THEY WATCH, AND
FIND THEMSELVES
ENTERTAINED BY
THE EVENTS THAT
UNFOLD BEFORE
THEM.

YOU
HAVE MISLED
AND MISUSED
RAYDON.

AND NOW YOU
MUST SUFFER THE
CONSEQUENCES.

BUT THERE IS ONE
GOD WHO IS NOT
CONTENT WITH THE
PANTHEON'S ETERNAL
IRRESPONSIBILITY.

ONE GOD WHO RAISES A
VOICE AGAINST THE RISE
OF EVIL AND THE SPREAD
OF BEDLAM.

A VOICE LIKE
THUNDER.

IF
KARATE
ON THE
OUT

DE
TAKING
YOU IN THE
HAND

THAT
IS A RISK
THEY
WANT TO
GAINLY
TAKING

KRRRA
AKKK

YOUR
TREACHERY
WAS NOT
AT ALL
UNEXPECTED,
KILL ONE

GOOD OR
EVIL IT WAS
A CHOICE
THAT ONLY
YOU COULD
MAKE

NOOOO!

AND IN THE LONG AND
SLEEPLESS NIGHTS TO
COME YOU MAY LIE AWAKE
AND FRETTER THE LOST
OPPORTUNITY

THIS LOST CHANCE
OF REDEMPTION



A
THANKS
GIVE A
WHITT

WE HAVE
NOT YET
INTRODUCED
THINGS ALL



LET THE
SMOKE



HAVE
THE ABILITY TO
CONFUSE



TO MAKE



TO DISTRACT

EGGHHH

I AM
CALLED
JADE FORM
WARRIOR

THE
HISTORY BOOKS
SHALL CALL ME
THE SLAYER OF
GODS

WHAAAAAKKK



COME
SMASH WHILE
HE'S
WEAKENED

THIRSTY!
THE DEATH-
BLOW SHALL
BE MINE
LET US
STRIKE!



SO SHALL
WE REDEEM
OUR LIVES
FOR OUR FAST
FAILURE'S



REDEEM
OUR LIVES
IN THE EYES
OF THE DARK
EMPEROR



BY
BRINGING
IN THE HEAD
OF THE
THUNDER
GOD



YOU
GOWNS
NEED TO
JUST BACK
OFF

NO
YOU MUST
NOT

YOU
HAVE NO
RIGHT!

THE
THUNDER
GOD'S ALL
MINE

IT WAS A
MOMENT
WHEN
HE
CONSCIOUSLY
RECALLED
THE
REARDED DRAGON

THERE WAS A MOMENT
IN 1992 WHEN
I HAD HAD RECALLED
THE REARDED DRAGON
AND DESTROYED
THE DRAGON

IT WAS
THE FIRST
TIME THAT
I HAD
RECALLED
THE
REARDED
DRAGON

THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME THAT
I HAD
RECALLED
THE
REARDED
DRAGON

ALL
KINDS
OF
REARDED
DRAGON
RECALLED

THE FIRST
TIME THAT
I HAD
RECALLED
THE
REARDED
DRAGON

THE FIRST
TIME THAT
I HAD
RECALLED
THE
REARDED
DRAGON

THE
CRAZED
HAIYAN
ATTACKS
US, JADE

THIS
IS NOT
OVER

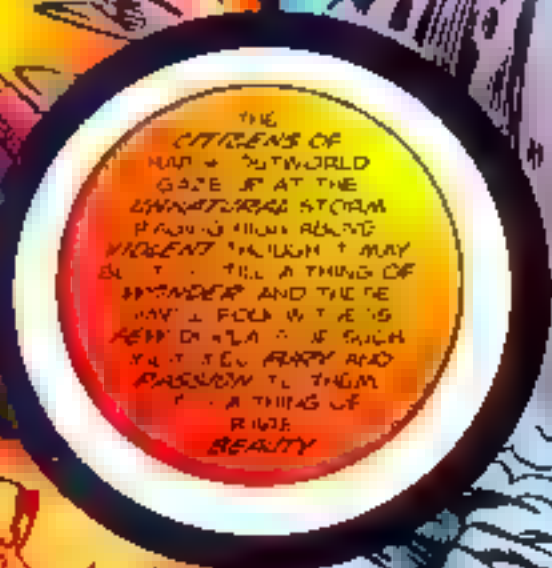
FAR
FROM
IT

WE MUST
TAKE OUR
LEAVE MY
FRIEND

THE
ADVANTAGE
IS NO
LONGER
OURS

NOW
THUNDER!
WHERE WERE
WE?

OH
YEAH! NOW I
REMEMBER



THE
CITIZENS OF
HARD & OUTWORLD
GAZE UP AT THE
UNNATURAL STORM
PASSING THROUGH & MAY
BE IT TELL A THING OF
WONDER AND THERE
MAY A FEEL WITH IS
FEELING A & IF SUCH
TOLD THEM RARE AND
PASSION TO THEM
TOLD A THING OF
RIDE
BEAUTY



NEARBY ATOP THE DARK
EMPEROR'S FORTRESS.

MAGNIFICENT
IS IT NOT?

IF KANO'S
POWER COULD
HOLD, IT COULD
WELL BE
IMMORTAL
KOMBAT!

SO THE
POWER IS
FINALLY
RUNNING
OUT?

HOW MUCH
TIME DOES
HE HAVE?

NOT LONG
MULEENA
ALREADY I
FEEL MY
STRENGTH
RETURNING

I AM
NOT AT
FULL POWER,
BUT IT SHALL
SUFFICE

KANO HAS
DONE ENOUGH,
HE HAS
WEAKENED
THE THUNDER
GOD

ENOUGH
SO THAT
SHAO KAHN
CAN SHARE
HIS VERY
SOUL

NEARBY

LOOK, RAYDEN, THIS
WAS MY
PERSONAL
YOU KNOW

AND I
TRUSTED ME
AND I

I JUST
DIDN'T LIKE YOU
TREATING ME
LIKE ANOTHER
ONE OF YOUR
SERVANTS

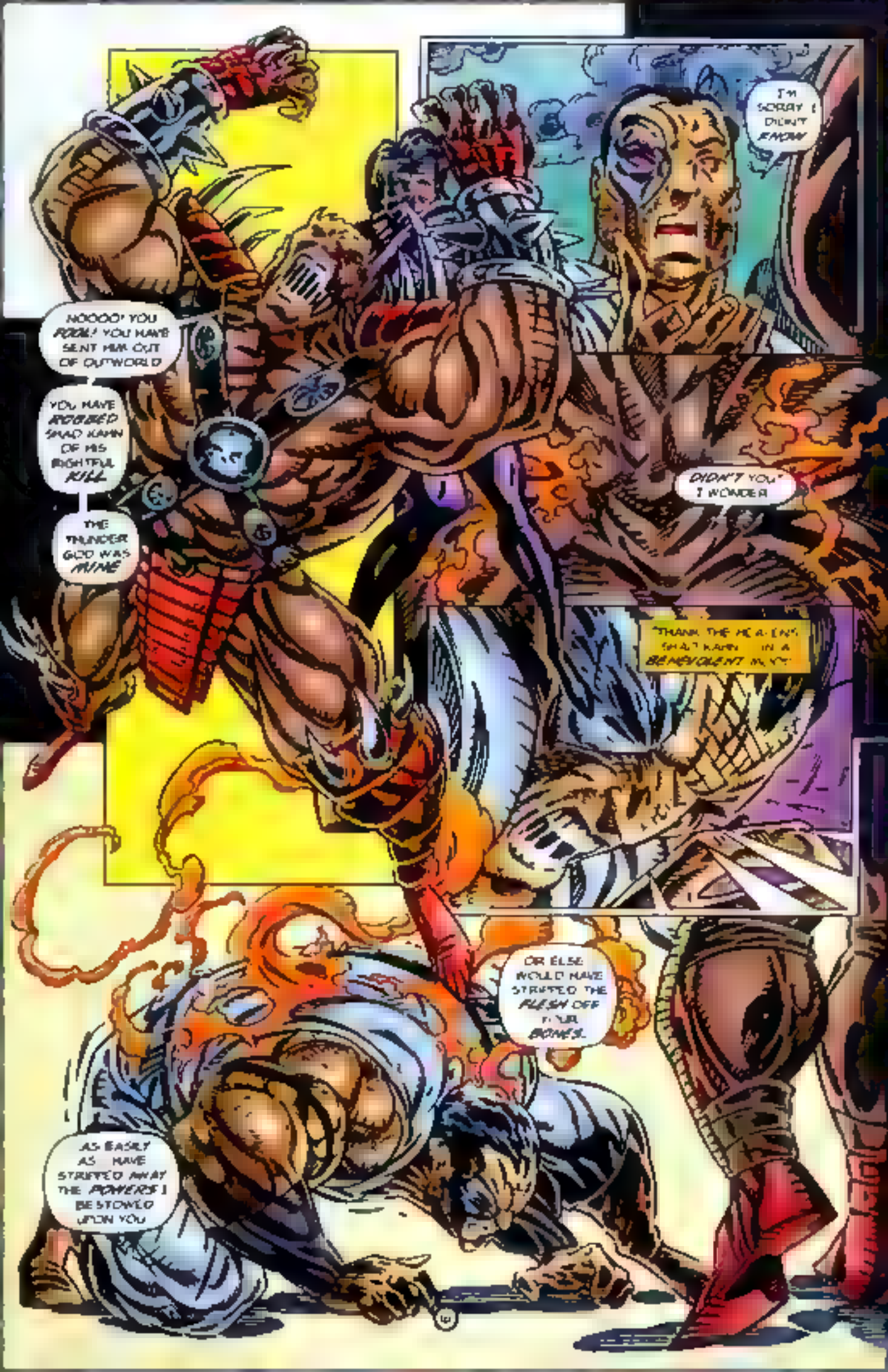
BUT
YOU'RE A GOD
YOU SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN TO
DOUBLE CROSS
YOU

OF COURSE
RAYDEN, WHEN
HOW COULD HE
NOT?

IT WAS A
CHANCE THE
THREE GOD
HAD TO
TAKE

IT
COULD HAVE
WORKED

BUT I
GUESS
WE'LL
NEVER
KNOW



I'M
SORRY I
DIDN'T
KNOW

NOOOO! YOU
FOOL! YOU HAVE
SENT HIM OUT
OF OUR WORLD

YOU HAVE
ROBBED
SHAO KAHN
OF HIS
RIGHTFUL
KILL

THE
THUNDER
GOD WAS
MINE

DIDN'T YOU
I WONDER

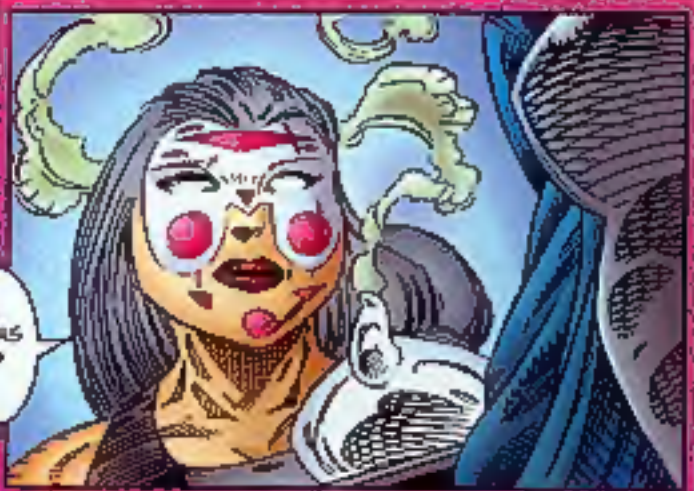
"THANK THE HEAVENS
SHAO KAHN IN A
BENEVOLENT MIND"

OR ELSE
WOULD HAVE
STRIPPED THE
FLESH OFF
YOUR
BONES

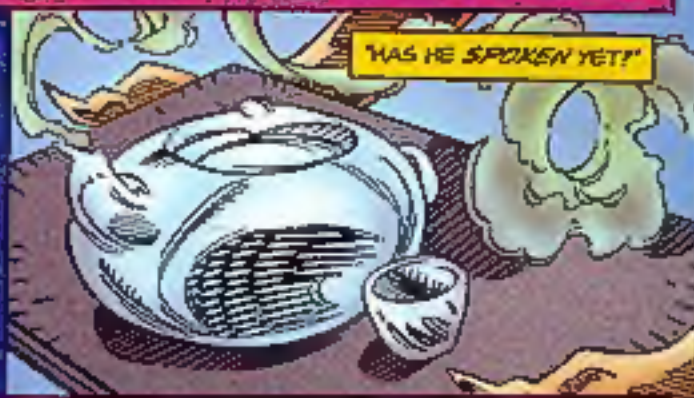
AS EASY
AS HAVE
STRIPPED AWAY
THE POWERS I
BESTOWED
UPON YOU

LATER, IN THE HOUSE
OF RAYDEN...

I SEE
THAT OUR
MASTER HAS
RETURNED
HOME,
RAYNE.



HAS HE SPOKEN YET?



NO, WYND.
I HAVE NEVER
SEEN HIM LIKE
THIS.

HIS BETRAYAL
BEREFT THE
STORM WARRIOR
OF A CHANCE TO
END A GREAT
EVIL...

...YET HE
SAVED RAYDEN
IN THE END,
ALLOWING THE
THUNDERER TO
CONTINUE THE
FIGHT AGAINST
EVIL.





NO MATTER HOW HARD THE THUNDER GOD STRIVES, NO MATTER HOW BOLDLY HE FIGHTS...

THERE IS ALWAYS A BALANCE.

IS THERE SOMETHING THAT WE MAY DO MASTER?



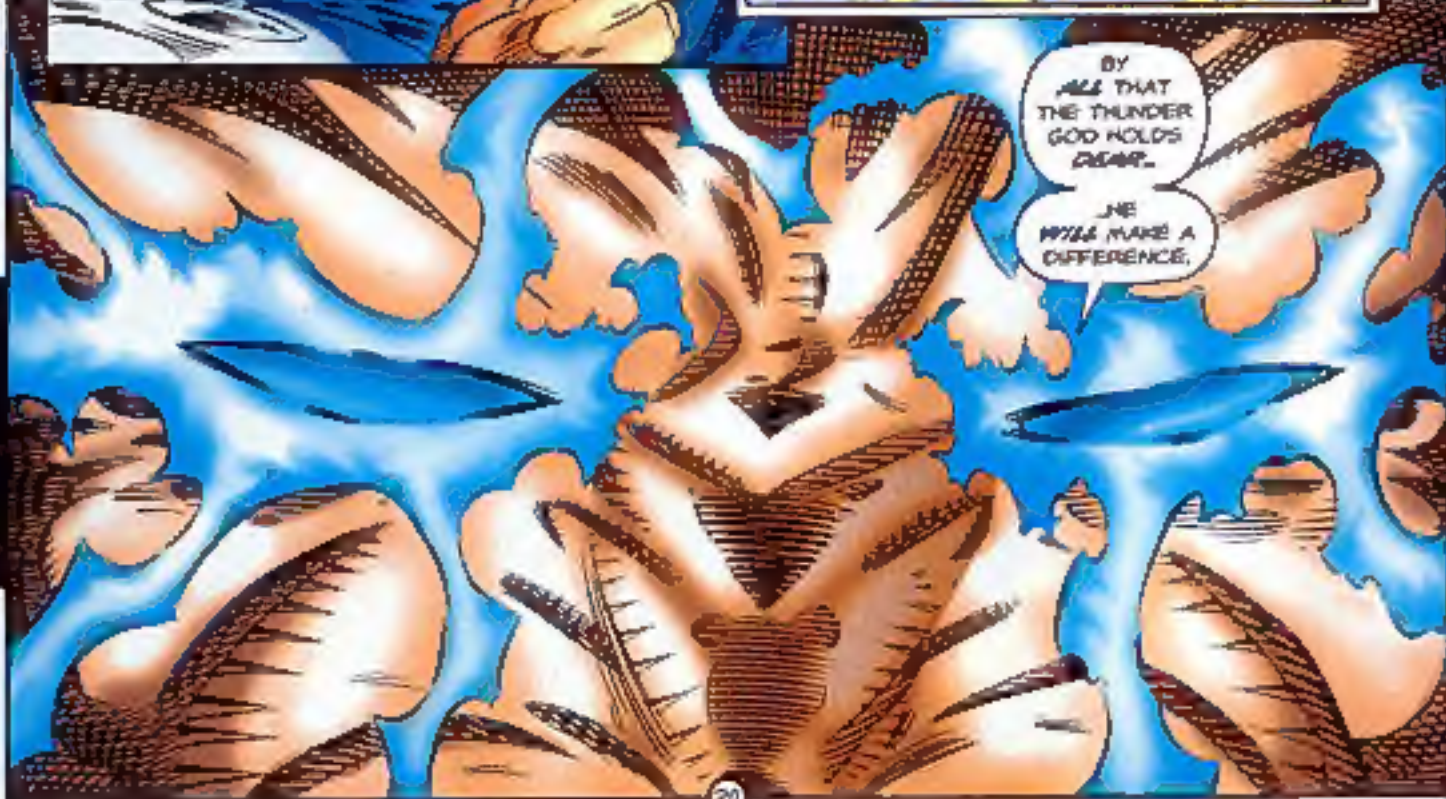
TAKE SOME SUSTENANCE, LORD RAYDEN, PLEASE.



"NOTHING! NOTHING RAYDEN DOES MAKES A CHANGE"



"NOTHING CHANGES."



BY ALL THAT THE THUNDER GOD HOLDS DEAR...

HE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

THE ROOM FILLS WITH LIGHT,
THEN HEAT, THEN A SOUND
AS BIG AS HEAVEN ITSELF.

RAYDEN IS
AND EVER SHALL
BE THE
PROTECTOR
OF THE EARTH
REALM.

UNTIL
EITHER EVIL
OR THE
THUNDER GOD
HIMSELF IS
VANQUISHED

KEEESHHA

MORE THAN
LIGHTNING, MORE
THAN THUNDER,
MORE POWER
THAN RAYDEN HAS
EVER UNLEASHED
AT ONE TIME.

LORD
RAYDEN!
HAVE YOU
GONE
MAD?

NO, SISTER,
THE THUNDER
GOD HAS
NEVER BEEN
MORE SANE.

"AHE,
RAYNE, SADLY,
YOU ARE
CORRECT."

THE SCALES WERE
A GIFT FROM THE
PANTHEON, A
REMINDER THAT
THERE MUST
ALWAYS BE
EQUILIBRIUM IN
THE WORLD IN
WHICH WE LIVE.

NOTHING IS MORE
SACRED, NOTHING
MORE CERTAIN.

THE THUNDER GOD
TOOK THE FULL
BRUNT OF STOPPING
THE SPREAD OF EVIL
AND CHAOS UPON HIS
OWN SHOULDERS.

THOUGH THE WEIGHT
WAS BURDENSOME, HE
UTTERED NO
COMPLAINT AND ASKED
HIS FELLOW GODS FOR
NO ASSISTANCE.

BUT NOW HE
WONDERS IF HE'S
EVER TIPPED THE
SCALES A SINGLE
OUNCE.

HE ACTED BECAUSE HE
HAS ALWAYS BELIEVED
THAT THE FATE OF THE
WORLD HAS HUNG IN THE
BALANCE.

--END--

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